

Local Health Departments Recruiting Sentinel Providers



Check List

- ☐ Think broadly, anyone from Nurse Practitioners to school-based health centers can be a sentinel provider. Internal medicine, general medicine, pediatrics, and emergency medicine, including hospital emergency rooms and others can collect data.
- ☐ Identify point of contact (POC) in the sentinel provider's office and make an appointment for a personal recruiting visit.
- ☐ Explain influenza surveillance using the recruitment materials:
 - ☐ Sentinel Provider fact sheet
 - ☐ Data from DIDE website
 - ☐ Enrollment form (make sure to mention the free influenza vaccine available to participating sentinel provider office's)
 - ☐ Collection instructions
- ☐ Fax the completed enrollment form to DIDE 304-558-8736
- ☐ Sentinel Provider work folder from the CDC will be sent from DIDE to your health department
- ☐ Deliver the work folder, along with OLS forms for to request specimen sample kit and to submit specimens to the POC
- ☐ Encourage the POC to order the specimen sample kit as soon as possible, it is suggested to order two kits in the beginning (explain that they are encouraged to submit respiratory specimens weekly to OLS and that they may batch ship the specimens)
- ☐ Keep the lines of communication open (make sure they understand what they need to do and follow up with them throughout the season)

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